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Practitioner's Docket No. 2119/134

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Matthew O'Keefe  
Application No.: 09/935,455  
Filed: August 22, 2001  
For: Apparatus and Methods for Parallel Processing of Micro-Volume Liquid Reactions

Group No.: 1744  
Examiner: William H. Beisner

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AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO MAINTAIN PARENT CASE THAT IS TO BE ABANDONED  
WHEN FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT

1. The amendment in this case is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to respond and to advance this application to final action. It comprises a separately filed continuation application.

A copy of this amendment and petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

2. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004.

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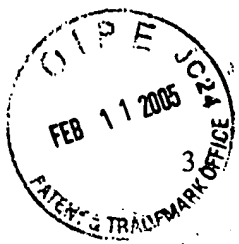
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Please abandon this application conditioned upon the granting of the petition and the granting of a filing date to the continuing application, so as to make the continuing application copending with this application. (*Notice of May 13, 1983, 1031 O.G. 11-12*).

4. Applicant is a small entity.

The statement has already been filed in the parent application. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. section 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

5. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of three months time under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a) (fees: 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for three months:

Fee: \$510.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

6. Fee Payment

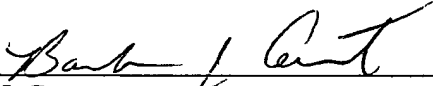
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7. Fee Deficiency

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

Date: February 9, 2005

  
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